

House File 2321 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2102)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to providing veteran services to inmates
2 incarcerated in a jail or municipal holding facility.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 356.6A Duty to inform about veteran
2 services.

3 The personnel of a jail or municipal holding facility shall
4 inform a prisoner, within twenty-four hours of incarceration,
5 that if the prisoner is a veteran of the United States military
6 forces who has been released from active duty within the
7 previous five years, the prisoner may be entitled to a visit
8 from a veteran service officer to determine if veteran services
9 are required or available. Within twenty-four hours of
10 determining a prisoner is a veteran who has been released from
11 active duty within the previous five years, the personnel of
12 a jail or municipal holding facility shall inform the county
13 commission of veteran affairs of the county where the jail or
14 facility is located that a prisoner at the jail or facility is
15 a veteran and may be entitled to a visit from a veteran service
16 officer.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill relates to providing veteran services to inmates
19 incarcerated in a jail or municipal holding facility.

20 The bill requires the personnel of a jail or municipal
21 holding facility, to inform a prisoner, within 24 hours of
22 incarceration, that if the prisoner is a veteran who has been
23 released from active duty within the previous five years, the
24 prisoner may be entitled to a visit from a veteran service
25 officer to determine if veteran services are required or
26 available.

27 If it is determined that the prisoner is a veteran who
28 has been released from active duty within the previous five
29 years, the bill requires the personnel of the jail or municipal
30 holding facility, within 24 hours of making the determination,
31 to inform the county commission of veteran affairs of the
32 county where the jail or facility is located that a prisoner at
33 the jail or facility is a veteran and may be entitled to a visit
34 from a veteran service officer.